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SUBJECT: **Proposed Draft Amendment to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods and the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (Trans Fatty Acids)**

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The 33rd Session of the Committee on Food Labelling agreed to propose to the Commission to undertake new work through the Accelerated Procedure on the amendment to the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Food* and to the *Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling* to include the following definition of trans-fatty acids in the Section on Definitions (ALINORM 05/28/22, para. 96).

Trans Fatty Acids

For the purpose of the Codex Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling and other related Codex Standards and Guidelines, trans fatty acids are defined as all the geometrical isomers of monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids having non-conjugated, interrupted by at least one methylene group, carbon-carbon double bonds in the trans configuration.

This new work was approved by the 28th Session of the Commission (ALINORM 05/28/41, para. 93, Appendix VIII).

The Proposed Draft Amendment is hereby circulated at Step 3 of the Accelerated Procedure for comments and consideration by the 34th Session of the Committee on Food Labelling (Ottawa, Canada, 1-5 May 2006).

Governments and international organizations wishing to provide comments should do so in writing, preferably by email, to the above addresses, **before 15 February 2006.**